(b) to (d) A Statement is attached.

Statement

Weaving on handlooms is after a supplementary activity. Government of India through State Government and through its own offices have gone into reports of the starvation and the extent of starvation of handloom weavers. A number of steps have been taken to ameliorate the lot of weavers hit by the hike in yarn prices. NHDC has been directed to augment its yarn supply specially in areas of shortages and difficulties. State Handloom Agencies have been released additional funds to ensure timely payment to weavers and to step up procurement in critical areas. Spinning industry has also been pursuaded to bring about a sobering trend in yarn prices.

Performance of NTC Mills in U.P.

343. DR. Z. A. AHMAD:
SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of tetile mills in Uttar Pradesh managed by the National Textile Corporation;

(b) what is the financial performance of these mills;

(c) whether Government have a proposal to nationalise these mills; and

(d) if not, what is Government's plan with regard to the mills the take-over period of which is likely to be over in the near future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) In addition to 9 nationalised units, the following 2 units are managed by National Textile Corporation in Uttar Pradesh:—

(i) Laxmirattan Cotton Mills, Kanpur.

(ii) Atherton Cotton Mills, Kanpur.

(b) The net loss incurred by these two mills during 1990-91 is given below:—

(Rs. in crores)

Name of the mill	1990-91—Net loss
Laxmirattan Cotton Mills	—13.41
Atherton Cotton Mills	—11.90

(c) and (d) The management of 2 units at Kanpur was taken over by the Central Government, pending nationalisation. A decision on the nationalisation of managed units under National Textile Corporation, including those at Kanpur, would be taken by the Government at the appropriate time after taking into account various relevant considerations.

Setting up of more washeries in Coal India Limited with the help of Private Sector

344. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have initiated some steps to make the Coal India Limited as a viable commercial organisation;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and also the outcome thereof so far; and

(c) whether Government have decided to build more washeries with the help of private sector?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S. B. NYAMAGOUDA): (a) and (b) To make Coal India Limited a commercially viably organisation, it has been decided that coal will be released to